Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation
Medical Fee Dispute Resolution, MS-48
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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor's Name and Address: BAYLOR SURGICAL HOSPITAL/FT WORTH 750 13TH AVENUE FORT WORTH TEXAS 76104	MFDR Tracking #: M4-09-5550-01 DWC Claim #: Injured Employee:
Respondent Name and Box #: CITY OF FORT WORTH REP BOX #: 04	Date of Injury: Employer Name: Insurance Carrier #:

PART II: REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY AND PRINCIPLE DOCUMENTATION

Requestor's Position Summary as stated on the Table of Disputed Services: "…bundled with main procedure in error."

Principle Documentation:

1. DWC 60 package
2. Hospital or Medical Bill(s)
3. EOB(s)
4. Medical Reports
5. Total Amount Sought $1,798.04

PART III: RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY AND PRINCIPLE DOCUMENTATION

Respondent's Position Summary: "According to the outpatient hospital national correct coding initiative edits, procedure code 29877 is global to procedure code 29880 and does not allow for the use of modifier 59…no additional allowance is recommended at this time."

Principle Documentation:

1. DWC 60 package

PART IV: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Date(s) of Service	Services in Dispute	Calculation	Amount in Dispute	Amount Due
07/16/2008	Hospital Outpatient Services	$1,797.93 (APC) + $0.00 (Fee Schedule) + $0.00 (Outlier Amount) = $1,797.93 (OPPS) x 200% = $3,595.86 - $3,596.08 (Total paid by Respondent) = $0.00	$1,798.04	$0.00
			Total Due:	$0.00

PART V: REVIEW OF SUMMARY, METHODOLOGY AND EXPLANATION

Texas Labor Code Section 413.011(a-d), titled *Reimbursement Policies and Guidelines*, and Division Rule §134.403, titled ***Hospital Facility Fee Guideline – Outpatient,*** effective for medical services provided on or after March 1, 2008, set out the reimbursement guidelines for Hospital outpatient services.

This dispute was filed in the form and manner as prescribed by 28 TAC §133.307 and is eligible for Medical Dispute Resolution under 28 TAC §133.305 (a)(4).

1. The services listed in Part IV of this decision were denied or reduced by the Respondent with the following reason codes:
   Explanation of benefits with the listed date of audit 09/25/2008
   - W1KA — Workers Compensation State Fee Schedule Adjustment. *reimbursement per the Hospital Facility Fee Guideline Outpatient Rule 134.403.*
   - 97H — The benefit for this service is included in the payment/allowance for another service/procedure that has already been adjudicated. *Service(s)/Procedure is included in the value of another service/procedure billed on the same date.*

   Explanation of benefits with the listed date of 11/19/2008
   - 193 — Original payment decision is being maintained. Upon review, it was determined that this claim was processed properly.
2. The Requestor attached modifier -59 to the CPT Code 29877 in dispute. Modifier -59 is defined as 'a different session or patient encounter. A different procedure or surgery. A different site, separate lesion or separate injury (or area of injury in extensive injuries.)"
3. Pursuant to Rule 134.403(d), CPT Code 29877 is considered to be a component procedure to CPT Code 29880 billed on the same date of service. There are no circumstances in which a modifier would be appropriate to justify separate reimbursement.
4. Rule 134.403 (e) states in pertinent part, "Regardless of billed amount, reimbursement shall be:

   (1) the amount for the service that is included in a specific fee schedule set in a contract that complies with the requirements of Labor Code 413.011; or

   (2) if no contracted fee schedule exists that complies with Labor Code 413.011, the maximum allowable reimbursement (MAR) amount under subsection (f), including any applicable outlier payment amounts and reimbursement for implantables;…"
5. Pursuant to Rule 134.403(f), "The reimbursement calculation used for establishing the MAR shall be the Medicare facility specific amount, including outlier payment amounts, determined by applying the most recently adopted and effective Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) reimbursement formula and factors as published annually in the *Federal Register*. The following minimal modifications shall be applied.
   (1) The sum of the Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount and any applicable outlier payment amount shall be multiplied by:
      (A) 200 percent; unless
      (B) a facility or surgical implant provider requests separate reimbursement in accordance with subsection (g) of this section, in which case the facility specific reimbursement amount and any applicable outlier payment amount shall be multiplied by 130 percent.
6. Upon review of the documentation submitted by the requestor and respondent, the Division finds that:

   (1) No contract exists;

   (2) MAR can be established for these services; and

   (3) Separate reimbursement for implantables was *NOT* requested by the requestor.
7. Consequently, reimbursement will be calculated in accordance with Rule §134.403 (f)(1)(A) as follows:

APC Value	Fee Sch	Outlier Payment	Separate Reimbursement for implantables WAS NOT requested under Rule §134.403		APC + Fee Schedule + Outlier Payment X 200%	Subtract Amount Paid by Respondent	Results in additional Amount Due to Requestor
$1,797.93	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$3,595.86	$3,596.08	$0.00

8. Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with Texas Labor Code Sec. 413.031 (c), the Division concludes that the requestor, Baylor Surgical Hospital/Fort Worth, is not due additional payment. As a result, the amount ordered is $0.00.

PART VI: GENERAL PAYMENT POLICIES/REFERENCES

Texas Labor Code Sec. §413.011(a-d), §413.031 and §413.0311
28 TAC Rule §134.403
28 TAC Rule §133.307
28 TAC Rule §133.305

PART VII: DIVISION DECISION

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code Section 413.031, the Division has determined that the Requestor is entitled to $0.00 reimbursement for the services involved in this dispute.

		August 18, 2009
Authorized Signature	Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer	Date

PART VIII: : YOUR RIGHT TO REQUEST AN APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to request an appeal. A request for hearing must be in writing and it must be received by the DWC Chief Clerk of Proceedings within **20** (twenty) days of your receipt of this decision. A request for hearing should be sent to: Chief Clerk of Proceedings, Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers Compensation, P.O. Box 17787, Austin, Texas, 78744. **Please include a copy of the Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision** together with other required information specified in Division Rule 148.3(c).

Under Texas Labor Code Section 413.0311, your appeal will be handled by a Division hearing under Title 28 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 142 Rules if the total amount sought does not exceed $2,000. If the total amount sought exceeds $2,000, a hearing will be conducted by the State Office of Administrative Hearings under Texas Labor Code Section 413.031.

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.